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1. ROK DCM KU CHUNG-HOE CALLED ON EA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MILLER MAY 5 TO DISCUSS SITUATION OF KOREANS LEFT IN SAIGON. KU SAID ROKG HAS LEARNED THAT ALL NINE ROK EMBASSY STAFF AND 150 (SIC) KOREAN NATIONALS REMAINING IN SAIGON ARE NOW AT KOREAN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION BUILDING IN SAIGON. KU STATED THAT FRENCH, SWISS, BELGIANS, THE VATICAN AND ICRC HAVE SAID KOREANS CAN SEEK REFUGE AT THEIR SAIGON MISSIONS PROVIDED THEY CAN GET THERE ON THEIR OWN. OFFERS DO NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE OFFER OF ESCORT OR GUARANTEES OF SAFE PASSAGE TO THE MISSIONS. (KU SAID ONE KOREAN FAMILY CONSISTING OF HUSBAND, WIFE AND CHILDREN, BUT SO FAR NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, HAS TAKEN REFUGE AT ICRC OFFICES.) HE SAID ROKG BELIEVES THE GROUP ARE UNDER SURVEILLANCE

WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR THEIR FAILURE TO MOVE AND WHICH MAKES SAFE PASSAGE GUARANTEES AN IMPORTANT ISSUE.

2. KU CONTINUED THAT PRESENCE OF EMBASSY STAFFERS NOT RPT NOT KNOWN TO PRG AND IS BEING CLOSELY HELD. ROKG CONCERNED THAT COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES WILL DEAL HARSHLY WITH STAFFERS IF THEIR IDENTITY BECOMES KNOWN AND FEARS THAT UNLESS THE ENTIRE GROUP CAN MOVE QUICKLY TO DIPLOMATIC REFUGE (AND GET OUT OF VIET-NAM) PRG WILL GET AROUND TO SCREENING THE GROUP AND SINGLE OUT EMBASSY PERSONNEL FOR REPRISAL. KU NOTED DEEP ANTIPATHY DRV HAS FOR SOUTH KOREANS AND SAID COMMUNISTS WOULD KILL THEM.

3. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTIONS, KU WAS INFORMED WE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT COMPOSITION AND POLICIES OF NEW GOVERNMENT, AND TOO LITTLE TO INDICATE WHAT POLICY PRG WILL TAKE TOWARD KOREAN CITIZENS AND DIPLOMATS.

4. KU SAID ROKG ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT PROGRAM OF DAILY SUSTENANCE FOR THE GROUP AND ASKED IF WE KNEW WHETHER THEY COULD EVEN PURCHASE FOOD AND OTHER NECESSITIES. MILLER SAID WE HAD HAD REPORTS FOLLOWING COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF NORTHERN RVN INDICATING THAT GVN CURRENCY CONTINUED TO CIRCULATE FOR THE PRESENT.
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5. KU STATED THAT JAPANESE HAVE AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO PASS MESSAGES TO KOREANS THROUGH THEIR SAIGON EMBASSY. ROKG HAS ATTEMPTED TO SEND THREE MESSAGES, BUT HAS CONFIRMATION THAT ONLY THE FIRST -- WHICH WAS NOT SUBSTANTIVE -- HAD REACHED ITS DESTINATION. HE ASKED WHETHER U.S. HAD ANY CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION INTO SAIGON OR WITH PRG AND APPEARED DISAPPOINTED WHEN REPLY

WAS NEGATIVE.

6. KU FINALLY ASKED WHETHER U.S. HAD ANY ADVICE ON
GETTING KOREANS TO POINTS OF REFUGE IN SAIGON AND OUT OF

VIET-NAM. MILLER SUGGESTED ROKG MIGHT WISH TO APPROACH
ICRC, NOTING THAT ICRC HAD PLAYED KEY ROLE IN ASSISTING
ASYLEES AT FRENCH EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH. HE SUGGESTED
THAT INITIAL APPROACH MIGHT BE MADE FOR ICRC ASSISTANCE
IN PROVIDING ADEQUATE FOOD AND OTHER NECESSITIES, WITH
VIEW TO GETTING ICRC HELP IN ARRANGING SAFE PASSAGE TO
A PROTECTING MISSION. MILLER ALSO SUGGESTED ROKG MIGHT
WISH TO INVESTIGATE UN CHANNELS, NOTING THAT UNSYG HAD
DESIGNATED SIR ROBERT JACKSON AS COORDINATOR FOR
INDOCHINA AID AND THAT UN RELIEF SUPPLY FLIGHTS MIGHT

PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION ON BACKHAULS. MILLER CLOSED BY
SAYING WE WILLING TO SUPPORT ROK REPRESENTATIONS IF
ROKG DECIDED TO MAKE ANY AND FELT OUR SUPPORT USEFUL. KISSINGER

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